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REMARKS

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1. At 7 a.m. on 25 August 1951, two transports, each towing a cargo glider with a tow rope 50 to 80 meters long, took off at Staaken airfield heading west. * At 10:40 a.m., one of the transports returned and released its cargo glider, which landed at the field after flying a semi-circle.

2. Between 9 and 11 p.m. on 29 August, 17 transports which had approached from the north landed at the field at intervals of 2 to 10 minutes. ** All these planes had running lights. The rotating searchlight at the field was in operation. One of the planes which flew very low could be identified as a DC-3. On the morning of 30 August, these planes were no longer observed at the field.

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3. On 2 and 5 September, there was no change in the occupation of the field. Thirty-four D-40s were observed. *** Truck was seen proceeding to the field. Seven small spotlights, 70 to 80 meters apart, were observed in the extension of the runway to the west.

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4. On 5 September 1951, twenty-four ground attack aircraft marked by white stripes on their rudder assemblies were observed at the field. Three olive drab transports without windows, 3 biplanes and 2 single-engine high-wing monoplanes were also parked at the field. Trucks in addition to sedan were observed at the installation.

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Comment. The landing of cargo gliders in Staaken was observed previously. It is believed that these cargo gliders are not stationed there but that they come from the U.S.S.R. for maneuvers. Cargo gliders of the same type were also observed in Altenburg and Dresden-Klotzsche. These gliders were towed by IL-12s.

** Comment. The 17 transports are believed to belong to the air transport regiment stationed in Staaken.

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*** Comment. Besides the air transport regiment, a ground attack regiment is stationed in Staaken. The minimum aircraft strength of this regiment is therefore 42 planes.

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